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not appreciably reduce it. He recommended to the Board that in view of the great number of accounts, and the impossibility of collection of them, together with the fact that the expense of collection in many of the individual cases would exceed the amount of tax to be collected, that the Board authorize the charging off as uncollectible of the balance shown as of May 31st, 1937, with the understanding that efforts would be made to collect any part of that balance wherever possible.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Comptroller.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 7TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, July 7th, 1937.

Present -

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Blakeman was also present at the meeting.

*General Bond
issue of 1937*

On Motion Duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1937, Chapter 487, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of July 12th, 1937 and the last insertion to bear date of August 6th, 1937, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock, noon, on August 10th, 1937, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$900,000.00, to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 10th day of August, 1937.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of June, 1937, and they shall bear interest at the rate of two and three-quarters per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of December and June, respectively, during the continuance

of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 16th day of August, 1937. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

*General Bond
Issue of 1937*

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1937, Chapter 487, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of July 12th, 1937, and the last insertion to bear date of August 6th, 1937, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock, noon, on August 10th, 1937, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$2,508,000.00, to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 10th day of August, 1937.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of August, 1937, and they shall bear interest at the rate of two and three-quarters per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of February and August, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 16th day of August, 1937. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

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The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

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The Board discussed the question of operating expenses of the Maryland State Penal Farm and agreed that these operating expenses would be advanced out of the State Treasury until it would be possible to reimburse the State Treasury for the advance out of receipts from the sale of bonds of the General Bond Issue of 1937 on August 16th, 1937, out of which receipts the Maryland State Penal Farm is to receive the sum of \$750,000.00 for operating expenses and construction work.

The Budget Director brought to the attention of the Board several Budget Amendments to appropriations to State Departments and Institutions which it was not possible for the Governor to sign because of his present incapacity, but which Mr. Blakeman reported would be signed as soon as the Governor was able to give attention to business matters. The Board agreed that these amendments should be accepted and given effect and submitted to the Governor later for the formality of having his signature affixed at such time as he is able to give attention to them. (Mr. Blakeman saw the Governor on July 8th, and advised him about this, and the Governor requested that Mr. McCusker arrange to get the amendments to him in about a week or ten days when they would be duly signed)

The Board gave consideration to taking some steps toward getting information in connection with the proposed Office Building for Annapolis.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a form on which data could be submitted by the various State Departments, Boards and Commissions for consideration of the Board of Public Works. The Secretary was requested to secure the approval of the members of the Board to the form before sending it out.

The following letter dated July 2nd, 1937 from the Maryland State School for the Deaf was read and considered -

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Frederick, Md.
July 2, 1937.

To the Honored Gentlemen
Board of Public Works.

Dear Sirs:

We have to the credit of the Maryland State School for the Deaf a sum in the amount of \$1,253.80 which has been authorized for our use on fire prevention equipment.

There are three items which ought to be attended to at this time and all three have, I believe, received the approval of your Board but we were not in a position at the time to proceed with the work.

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First, there still remains a considerable amount of exposed wiring in certain portions of the main building. This wiring was made a great many years ago and ought be supplanted by steel conduit. Because of the difficulty in estimating the cost of boring through walls, etc., I feel that any bid on the work as a whole would be exorbitant. We have a very competent firm in Frederick which has been doing this work in the past and I would very much appreciate your authority to proceed on the time and material basis to complete this work if possible.

Second, our house telephone system is unreliable, a condition which would prove awkward in case of fire or other emergency. With your permission I should like to secure figures on either a complete renewal to the wiring of the old plant or the installation of a complete new system.

Third, we still have a tall poll on the center of the grounds on which the high tension transformer is placed. The poll is in bad condition and will have to be replaced at our expense very shortly. Aside from a fire hazard, there is real danger to the children in the event one of these wires should break and fall to the ground. The cost of continuing the underground conduit to the fence on the property line would be relatively small and I should very much appreciate your permission to proceed with all or as much of this work as can be completed within the limits of the \$1,253.80 available for the purpose.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of this request, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ignatius Bjorlee,
Superintendent.

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The Board authorized the work proposed by the Superintendent of the School and instructed the Secretary to advise him to proceed with it so long as the cost does not exceed the sum of \$1,253.80.

The following letter dated June 30th, from the Maryland Veterans Commission, was read and considered -

MARYLAND VETERANS' COMMISSION

202 Guilford Ave.,

Baltimore, Maryland.

June 30, 1937.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

For the three months ending June 30th, 1937, under your authorization, we have been carrying on our rolls as a "temporary employee", Mr. James J. McGuirk at a salary of \$100.00 a month. It is now our desire to continue Mr. McGuirk in the same status for three months beginning July 1st, 1937, and the purpose of this letter is to respectfully ask your authority for the same. As it is probable we will find it necessary to make some changes in the personnel of our office force on October 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year, this request for employment of Mr. McGuirk on a temporary status will not likely be asked after that time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas B. R. Mudd,
Chairman.

The Board approved the request contained in the foregoing letter.

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A representative of Eugene A. Edgett, Esq., Attorney at Law, appeared before the Board in the interest of W. Preston Stydinger, in connection with Joint Resolution 22 of the General Assembly of 1937.

The Board advised that it would be impossible to carry out the Resolution of the General Assembly because of the fact that the Board of Public Works does not have any money to the credit of its Contingent Fund for the payment of the amount proposed to be paid to William P. Stydinger.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph A. Melusker
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 14TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, July 14th, 1937.

Present -

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Blakeman was also present at the meeting.

The Board took up the question of the filing of applications by several State Agencies with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, for grants to aid in financing the construction of Public Works Projects, the projects being those authorized by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, being the General Bond Issue of 1937, appropriating money for the construction of new buildings and additions and alterations to existing buildings at State Institutions.

The Board passed the following resolutions -

Resolution No. 1.

Catonsville, Md.

A resolution authorizing the Spring Grove State Hospital to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant to aid in financing the construction of an addition to dining room in Cottage Group and designating Dr. Silas W. Weltmer, Superintendent to furnish such information as the Government may request.

Be it resolved by the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MARYLAND:

SECTION 1. That Dr. Silas W. Weltmer, Superintendent, be and he is